

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
February 13, 1996

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, February 13, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office Board Room, 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Elaine Carter, Ron Cartlidge, Rosemary Castleberry, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Marianne Dwight, Phil Friday, Rocky Medrano, Hermelinda Zamarripa, Mary K. Isaacs and Louise Nivison.

Staff members present were Jesus Olivares, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Heather Griffith Peterson, Peter Marsh, John Mead, Col. Leroy Swift, Warren Struss, John Giedraitis, Mary Ybarbo.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Phil Friday, Chair.

**CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION**

There was no citizen communication.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Heather Griffith Peterson, Division Manager, Management Services of the Parks and Recreation Department gave a presentation and explanation of the Affordability Study supported by the City Manager. She explained that the department was transitioning to a program based budget as part of the implimentation of the City Manager's Affordability Study. Handouts included a copy of Affordability: A Strategy for the Year 2000 and a copy of the list of programs which will be a part of the study.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**ITEMS FOR CONSENT**

Approve construction of a single-slip boat dock, at 5207 S. Scout Island Circle. File # SP-96-0014DS

Navigation Committee recommends approval of the request to construct a single-slip boat dock at 5207 S. Scout Island Circle, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-96-0014DS.

To grant a variance to the provisions of Section 13-2-795(1) to allow the boat dock located at 5207 S. Scout Island Circle to extend a maximum distance of 50' from the shoreline.

Approve construction of a single-slip boat dock, at 5203 S. Scout Island Circle, File # SP-96-0013DS

Navigation Committee recommends approval of the request to construct a single-slip boat dock, at 5203 S. Scout Island Circle, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-96-0013DS.

To grant a variance to the provisions of Section 13-2-795(1) to allow the boat dock to extend a maximum distance of 50' from the shoreline.

The approval was subject to the following conditions:

The dock is located at least 10' from the side property lines in accordance with Section 13-2-795(2). Plans with the location of the boat dock indicated are to be brought to the Parks and Recreation Department staff for approval.

Approval from the Courtyard Homeowners Association of the change in design from a gabled roof to deck.

Approved 8-0-0 (Cartlidge, Castleberry, Carter, Dwight, Cruz-Torres, Medrano, Isaacs, Zamarripa)

**PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 P.M.**

On proposed parking limitation at Walsh Boat Landing

Jesus Olivares, PARD Director, gave a presentation in which he recommended the Walsh Boat Landing Parking be restricted to vehicles with trailers only, that signage designating the lot as such be installed, and that the curfew hours be enforced.

Fourteen speakers signed up to speak on this issue and three letters of opposition were received.

W. H. Jones, retired, spoke against the recommendation because not all types of vehicles were considered in the restrictions.

Larry Sunderland, Owner of the Austin Angler, spoke against the limitations.

Bob Petty, President of Central Texas Assn. Bass Clubs, spoke against the restricted parking.

Jerry Gold, President of Texas Assn. of Bass Club, spoke against the restricted parking and curfew.

Blake Tollett, Vice President of West Austin Neighborhood, spoke in favor of the department recommendations.

Duffy Oyster, President of Lake Austin Business Owners Assn., suggested that the original compromise solution with top half of lot for trailers & cars and bottom part for cars only be implemented. This plan never materialized. Opposes curfew.

Hermelinda Zamarripa suggested the parking lot be upgraded. Jesus Olivares said it would be a cost of \$200,000.00 or more. There was a brief discussion about the number of vehicles the lot can hold.

Craig Gatewood, Owner of Lodge at Lakeview, said to keep things as is or a compromise of 1/2 parking of cars and 1/2 for boats/trailers. Curfew should not be in effect because of fishing tournaments. He instructed his employees in past to use the southwest parking lot for their vehicles. He made reference of a letter from Mark Rose at LCRA which stated the present policy would restrict parking.

John Cowman, condo owner at 1500 Scenic Drive, said he opposes parking for vehicles with trailers as he encourages his friends to use the lot when they visit. The condos have limited parking.

Louis Raven, Owner of Boat Town, Inc., uses the lot on a daily bases because of demo boats for his customers. Suggested grading lot.

Rosemary Castleberry suggested working with LCRA to find a solution. Concept of park was good 30 years ago, not today.

Tina Oyster, homeowner at Lake House Condos at 1500 Scenic Blvd., asked to leave parking as is now and to request no curfew as it demands people be off Lake at certain hour. People who use Walsh Landing be able to use parking lot even if they don't have a trailer on their car. Grading would not be \$250,000.00.

Marsha Wilson, President of Lakehouse H.O.A., said parking should not be limited to vehicles with trailers only. Too many other people use the area for other than fishing.

John Zapp, Owner of Hula Hut, asked that lot be improved and to go back to plan A and divide up lot as originally suggested.

Phil Friday asked if condo community and homeowner assn. and business people would throw in money for grading? Duffy Oyster and Hula Hut nodded agreement.

Lynn Smith, General Manager of Hula Hut, spoke in opposition to change at Walsh Landing.

Pepper Jones opposed restricted parking.

Further discussion about parking and curfew.

Ron Cartlidge made a recommendation that the lot be improved by parks department when money is available or when negotiation with business owners brings in money. That the upper lot be restricted to cars and boats w/trailers, that 1/4 be for permit parking only (no trailers) and that 1/4 lot be for open parking (no trailers). The lot be divided by barriers.

The motion was seconded by Marianne Dwight. The vote was yes-7 (Cartlidge, Castleberry, Carter, Dwight, Cruz-Torres, Medrano and Isaacs) and no-1 (Zamarripa)

Jesus Olivares stated that the board has given us directions and we need to move forward. This is a temporary solution and in 30-60 days the issue should be resolved.

Ron Cartlidge moved that the board not restrict the area to a curfew. It was seconded by Marianne Isaacs.

The vote was 8-0 against a curfew. (Cartlidge, Castleberry, Carter, Dwight, Cruz-Torres, Medrano, Isaacs, Zamarripa)

#### ITEMS PULLED

At the request of the MACC Committee the recommendation to Council regarding the Mexican American Cultural Center Feasibility Study was pulled.

#### ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

##### Make recommendation to Council regarding revision of sound ordinance for Auditorium Shores.

Warren Struss informed the board the sound testing sound levels for music events at Auditorium Shores be effected at a point of 210 ft. from the sound source or at the facility's property line and because northerly winds carrying sounds would mean the decibel level would fall from 85 to 80. This significantly reduced the impact on neighborhoods surrounding Auditorium Shores. Rosemary Castleberry said the neighborhoods were in favor of the sound tests. Hermelinda Zamarripa asked who monitors sound. Park Police do the monitoring.

Ron Cartlidge motioned that the board accept the change.

The vote was 8-0.

##### Make recommendation to Council regarding revised interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District for provision of meals for Senior Support Service (Nutrition) Program and Summer Luncheon Program.

Phil Friday talked about AISD and senior support services. Jesus Olivares said contract would provide food program for the poor and elderly and stated this is on on-going agreement. Meals for seniors are 1.58 each and 1.63 for children.

Rosemary Castleberry motioned to accept the recommendation.

The vote was 8-0. (Cartlidge, Castleberry, Carter, Dwight, Cruz-Torres, Medrano, Isaacs, Zamarripa)

Appoint Parks Board Representative to Parkland Maintenance Task Force.

Parkland Maintenance Task Force will be appointed by City Council to bring forward to the board all the issues that address maintenance infrastructure needs in the department. The council requested the Parks Board make a recommendation for a Parks Board Member to be nominated for the Task Force.

After some discussion it was recommended to put Rosemary Castleberry on the Parkland Maintenance Task Force.

Mary Kay Isaacs has been appointed to the board by Ronny Reynolds. Jean Mather was appointed by Brigid Shea.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council regarding proposed Public Tree Care Ordinance

Warren Struss, Division Manager, informed the Parks Board that the Tree Care Ordinance was being presented once again to the Board at the request of the City Council. The following changes have been made to the ordinance and the Board approved it on February 14, 1995, and it needed their recommendation.

The proposed ordinance will:

\*reduce restrictions on pruning and removing trees along streets. Currently, Public Works is responsible for right-of-way, with PARD specifically responsible for trees. The Ordinance will deregulate and assign authority for trees to PARD.

\*allow maintenance and removal of street trees under a free permit issued by PARD rather than requiring issuance of a license and permit from Public Works. Minor maintenance by homeowners on street trees such as removing limbs touching roofs would not require a permit. In addition, permits will not be required for an approved site plan or a general permit.

\*1% of future roadway construction and expansion funds will be dedicated to planting trees. This will provide funding for Council's 1991 resolution to include trees in new roadways.

Owen P. Coon, Caldwell Trees, spoke against the proposed ordinance.

Guy LeBlanc, Chairman of Urban Forestry Board and Owner of Arbor Vitae Tree Care, showed a short 15 slide show in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Pat Wentworth, member of Urban Forestry Board, spoke in favor of proposed ordinance.

James Ebert, Vice-Chair of Urban Forestry Board, spoke in favor of proposed ordinance.

Joyce Basciano, Member of Urban Forestry Board, spoke in favor of proposed ordinance.

Warren Struss, Division Manager of Operations for the Parks Dept. said that other city departments are in favor of the proposed ordinance: ECSD, Public Works, Law Dept., Water & Wastewater, Water & Wastewater Commission, Electric, Enviromental Board and Urban Forestry Board.

Mary Kay Isaacs made a motion to adopt the proposed tree ordinance as written.

The vote yes - 5 (Cartlidge, Dwight, Medrano, Isaacs, Zamarripa), Abstain - 3 (Carter, Cruz-Torres, Castleberry)

#### **DIRECTOR's REPORT**

Aqua Fest: PARD will continue to meet with Aqua Fest staff in order to reach agreements for a 1996 fest. There is an outstanding balance of \$146,000.00 which is owed to the city. The fest will have to be more back to basics. No financial reports have been received. PARD board will be involved in the management of any future fest.

Austin Ski Club has been notified by certified letter that they are in violation of contract. Only one property owner was contacted by Club. There is a request by the board to bring item back.

Stuart Strong gave a presentation on the Parks and Recreation 1995 Assessment and handed out a booklet of information for the Board.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ron Cartlidge talked with Ronny Reynolds about the grandfather clause of the boat dock issue.

Ron Cartlidge talked with Delwood Optimists about using softball fields one day a week.

Mary K. Isaacs gave a Land and Development Committee meeting report from Feb. 12, 1996 on the Cancer Survivor's Park.

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres gave a February 12, 1996 Program Committee Meeting report on summer camps, sports camp, calendar for cultural affairs, pool schedules and calendar of events.

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres reported that A. B. Cantu had died the night before and she suggested a tree planting in his memory at the Pan Am and Parque Zaragoza Recreation Centers.

## ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Cartlidge asked that the sentence on page 51 be changed to read as follows:

"He reminded the Board that the independent investigator Council whom had appointed to determine the work of Boards and Commissions, had liked the timely method that the Navigation Committee did in getting boat dock applications out and having action on them."

Rosemary Castleberry moved to have the minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 1996, approved with the above correction. Ron Cartlidge seconded the motion.

The vote was 8-0 (Cartlidge, Castleberry, Carter, Dwight, Cruz-Torres, Medrano, Isaacs, Zamarripa)

### ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Audio tapes of the Parks and Recreation Board meetings are available through the Director of Parks and Recreation, 499-6717.